GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

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ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the total additional financial assistance sought by the Gujarat Government during the last three years;

(b) the total amount of funds allocated by the Union Government year-wise and scheme-wise;

(c) the reasons for not providing the additional assistance sought by the State in full in each case;

(d) whether the additional financial assistance sought during the current financial year has been provided;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) to (c): During the year 1996-97, the Government of Gujarat sought additional financial assistance amounting to Rs.282.01 crore from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR). However, no amount was released since the National Calamity Relief Committee (NCRC) examines each case for assistance from NFCR in the light of set procedures. The quantum of assistance from the NFCR depends upon the severity of the calamity.

During 1997-98, the State Government sought additional financial assistances of Rs.664.33 crore from the NFCR and an amount of Rs.86.90 crore was released by NCRC. Besides, the State Government also requested for additional financial assistance of Rs.440.00 crore for purchase of Turbo Generator sets by Sardar Sarovar Project (SSP) authorities. The State Government was informed that the SSP is a State Sector Project and it is for the participating States (Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh) to fund the same out of their respective State Plans.

For the year 1998-99, the State Government submitted a memorandum to the NCRC for relief amounting to Rs.810.65 crore. Rs.55.35 crore were released. In addition to this, the State Government also sought assistance of Rs.10 crore for the construction of Raj Bhavan at Gandhinagar. The State Government was informed that since the construction of Raj Bhavan was in the nature of plan expenditure, it should be a part of the State Plan.

(d) to (f): The request of the Government of Gujarat for assistance of Rs.817.23 crore from the NFCR in the wake of cyclone and drought during the current year

(1999-2000) is under process in accordance with the procedure.